



Trinity Presbyterian Church

Gathering in the Name of the Triune God

A Southeastern Wisconsin PCA (Presbyterian Church of America) church.

September 24, 2017



The Tree of Life

In the Bible, trees are given to man for food and medicine as well as beauty and shade. Trees are an emblem of God's glory in the world and so are fitting symbols of God's people. We can flourish "like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither" (Psalm 1:3). The growth of the kingdom is likened to a rising, spreading tree (Ezek. 17; Matt. 13:31-32). Adam's fall severed us from access to the Tree of Life, but united to Christ we again have access to its life-giving fruit (Rev. 22:2). The Tree of Life is a symbol of Jesus. The time between Pentecost and Advent is called Trinity Season. The color green is used to symbolize life, growth, and the maturation of Jesus' kingdom.

Lord's Day Service – September 24, 2017

Entrance – God Calls Us to Worship

Silent Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship

Psalm 99:2, 3, 5, 8, 9

* **Salutation & Responsive Scripture**

Pastor: In the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Mt 28:19

People: **Amen!**

Pastor: Our help is in the Name of the Lord,

People: **Who made heaven and earth.**

Ps 124:8

Pastor: The Lord be with you!

People: **And also with you!**

Ruth 2:4

* **Hymn of Praise**

Psalter, #99C

The LORD Is King Indeed!

Purification – We Confess Our Sins to God

Most holy and merciful Father; we acknowledge and confess before You, our sinful nature prone to evil and slothful in good, and all our shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned against You, in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love. Have mercy on us. Teach us to hate our errors and cleanse us from our secret faults, through my Lord Jesus Christ. Amen!

(Silent, personal confession of sin)

Lift up your heads, arise, and hear the good news! Our heavenly Father, in His great mercy, has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake pardons and rescues you from all your sins in order to present you spotless before His glory with great joy!

Thanks be to God! Our sins are forgiven in Jesus' name. AMEN!

Ascension – God Consecrates Us by His Word

Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

People: **We lift them up to the Lord!**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

People: **It is proper and right to do so!**

Pastor: Truly it is fitting and our greatest joy to give thanks to You at all times and in every place, O Lord, holy Father, Almighty and everlasting God.

Therefore, we praise You by joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your Name. Let us sing...

*** Hymn of Preparation**

Psalter, #22 C, D, E
Be Not Far Off (5 vs, stanzas 8-12, 16, 17)

*** Prayer**

O God, You declare Your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of Your grace, that we, running to obtain Your promises, may become partakers of Your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever. Amen!

Old Testament Lesson

Psalms 19

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

New Testament Lesson

Acts 26:4-23

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*** Gospel Lesson**

Revelation 1:10-20

Pastor: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus.

People: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

Sermon

"Paul's Answer to Agrippa" – Part 2

Tribute – We Offer Ourselves through Tithes

*** Hymn of Consecration**

Trinity Hymnal, #221
I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

*** Presentation & Dedication of Tithes & Offerings**

Prayers of the Church

Requests & Lord's Prayer

Peace – We Commune with God

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

We Confess Our Faith in the Triune, Incarnate God

Creed (inside hymnal cover)

*** Hymn of Thanksgiving**

Trinity Hymnal, #494
Jesus, Master, Whose I Am

Benediction – God Commissions & Blesses Us

*** The Lord's Commission of Us**

2 Timothy 3:16 – 4:2

*** We Receive God's Blessing, His Good Word to Us**

Numbers 6:24-26

*** We Bless the Lord, Lifting Our Hands and Voices to Him**

Gloria Patri

*** Announcements**

LORD'S SUPPER

We observe Communion, or the Lord's Supper, weekly in our midst.

We believe it is worthily received by those who:

1. Have been baptized in the name of the Triune God (Matt 28:18-20);
2. Do profess faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel (Ro 10:9-10);
3. Do live in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit and endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Jesus Christ (Gal 5:16-26); and
4. Are communing members in good standing in an evangelical church (1 Cor 10:1-6)

If these things are all true, we rejoice with you and invite you to commune with us at the Lord's Supper. If any of these are not true of you, we ask that you refrain. We invite you to speak to one of the Elders if you have doubts or questions regarding any of these beliefs, or if you are interested in learning more about Trinity.

Though collections are not ordinarily taken during a service, giving is a vital element of worship. Tithes and offerings may be placed in the basket at the rear of the church. (2 Corinthians 9:6-11)

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Sermon Notes – September 24, 2017

"Paul's Answer to Agrippa" – Part 2

Text: Acts 26:12-23

1. Paul's conversion defense is grounded upon his origin and training, as is ours (4-8)
2. Paul's conversion defense is an acknowledgment that he was a bitter enemy to the Christ & Christians (9-11)

3. Paul's conversion defense involves his miraculous turning in faith to Jesus, or was it a _____?
 - A. He was made a _____ by the divine power of Jesus (12-15)

 - B. He was made a _____ by the divine authority of Jesus (16-18)
 - 1) To be an eye-opener & turner of _____ & _____ from satan to God;

 - 2) That they may be _____ & _____ members of Jesus' family

4. Paul's conversion defense includes His obedience to Jesus & the heavenly vision which had mightily offended the Jews so that they tried to kill Paul.
 - A. The Lord Jesus gave him a _____ to comply with the divine commission (19-21)

 - B. The Lord Jesus gave him _____ to convey the divine message (22-23):
 - 1) It is rooted in Israel's _____.
 - 2) It is about Jesus as _____.
 - 3) It is about the _____ Messiah.
 - 4) It is about _____ & the beginning of God's new world.
 - 5) It is about God's light shining on _____ people _____.
 - 6) It is about this Jesus, the human, glorious _____ of the one true & living God.

Announcements

Welcome

We are so glad you came today. If you have any questions about Trinity Presbyterian Church, please call 262-894-8768. We ask visitors to fill out a card from the pew rack and leave it in the offering basket on the back table.

Children

We love kids and encourage their presence in the entire Lord's Service. In the basement we do have an area for nursing moms and a cry area to attend to a child's need.

Prayer

An important part of worship is intercessory prayer. Each Sunday morning one of the officers prays for the congregation. If you have a request, please fill out a prayer card on the back table and put it in the offering box prior to the service.

Sunday School

Sunday School will meet in the sanctuary at 11:30 am. Darwin will teach Creation, using short segments of the film Is Genesis History? There will be a time for discussion & questions following the film segment.

Men's Forum

Tonight Men's Forum will meet at 7 pm. The Session will be presenting concerns that relate to our presbytery and the PCA, and options that the Session have/are considering. The concerns relate to such matters as creation, God's law, education of covenant children, role of women in church, racism, etc.

Women's Study

The women will meet tomorrow night at 6 pm for the second lesson of Sinclair Ferguson's video study called "Who Is the Holy Spirit?"

Life Chain

Next Sunday (10/1) is Life Chain 2-3:30 pm. Our congregation will participate at the same location as last year on the north sidewalk of Bluemound, NW of Brookfield Square Mall. Deacon Reich will have the signs and instructions. He will ask for \$1/person donation that will be sent to Life Chain when the event is over.

Westminster Shorter Catechism

This week's focus is WSC 36, "What are the benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification?" Family Worship Helps are available on the back table and by email.

Scripture Memory for this Week

Romans 5:1-2,5, *Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.*

Set-up Teams Note the **order** changes identified in **bold print**.

Next Week

October 1 Team 3 J Hummel,* D Dykema, Nader, S Pennington, Seaman

Following Weeks

October 8 Team 2 Greenwald, D*, Dietzel, B Dykema, N Pennington, Peterson
October 15 Team 5 Reich*, D'Alessio, DiFrances, Leskinen, Piquette, Ruchti, Talavera
October 22 Team 1 Dykema*, Burie, N Greenwald, Hammer
October 29 Team 2 Greenwald, D*, Dietzel, B Dykema, N Pennington, Peterson
November 25 Team 3 J Hummel,* D Dykema, Nader, S Pennington, Seaman